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1. The leadership of KKE has put into action the entire para-legal mechanism of the Party, with the exception of the press. The two Communist newspapers, Rizospastis and Eleftheri Ellada are continuing to be published, although plans provide for para-legal publishing of these newspapers in the event that the Government orders their suspension.
2. The para-legal mechanism is directed by old and completely trusted members of KKE. Many are unknown to one another and to the police. Until recently KKE maintained its headquarters in Athens. Now, however, it is beginning to transfer the entire administration of the Party, in small echelons, to the mountains from where the "Free government" will probably operate. Only a few lesser leaders will remain in Athens.
3. With respect to the recent arrests, KKE had instructed some of its members to remain home and be arrested, and others who were considered far more important, to avoid arrest at any cost. Careful provision was made that some of the instructors and enlighteners of the Party should be arrested, so that they could set up the usual Communist Party schools on the islands.
4. KKE has divided its membership into three categories. The first of these are the para-legal members. These are the most trusted and they are the ones who comprise and control the para-legal mechanism. The second category includes trusted members who are, however, well known to the public and to the police. The third category are members of KKE who are generally untried and who perform only perfunctory tasks for the Party.
5. KKE is making every effort to create the illusion that it is far more closely tied to the Communist Party of France than to the Soviet Union.

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